HALWIN SCHOOL

THE HALWIN HEROLD

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

It has been another fantastic week at Halwin, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school and several visitors joining us to see our children in action.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Adams, Executive Headteacher of Truro and Camborne Nursery School, who spent the morning with us discussing all things Early Years. Mrs Adams shared some fantastic ideas and practical tips to support learning in Reception, and our youngest pupils thoroughly enjoyed showing her around and sharing their learning. They were particularly interested to hear about the experiences of other children at this time of year and represented Halwin brilliantly throughout her visit.

In Geography, pupils have continued developing their map-reading skills, exploring the features and symbols commonly found on maps. Their learning could not have come at a better time, as we were excited to have our brand-new orienteering course installed on Monday. Control points have now been placed across the school grounds to create a bespoke course for our pupils. These new resources will enhance outdoor learning opportunities and provide exciting ways to make subjects such as Mathematics, Geography and even Phonics more active and engaging. The course has already generated a great deal of enthusiasm, with pupils eagerly using the markers during lessons and at breaktimes.

We have also continued to strengthen our growing partnership with Muddy Puddles Nursery. This week, our Year 6 pupils visited to share a selection of picture books with prospective Halwin children. The older pupils did a wonderful job of demonstrating their love of reading and showed great confidence and maturity while reading to a busy audience. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for our progress meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's successes, discuss their learning journey so far and share their next steps. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support, and we

hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

MR RICHES

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Please contact the school office

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Reminders for the Week Ahead

A reminder that our Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Monday and Tuesday from 3:30pm. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and talk about their next steps in learning.

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing your child's successes with you.

Thank you for your continued support.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 23/11/26

Week choices 1 from the Autumn / Winter term menu.

Please see Chartwells meal menu on the school website for details or scroll to the end of the Newsletter.



ATTENDANCE

As a school we aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for Halwin this week was:

92.9%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 92%

Kingfishers: 93.33%

FRIENDS OF HALWIN

🎄 Join Us for a Wonderful Christmas Wreath Making Night! 🎄

The Friends of Halwin School are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, a festive evening of creativity, community and Christmas cheer while raising money for our school.

📅 Wednesday 25th November 2026

⏰ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

💷 £20 per person

Whether you're an experienced crafter or trying wreath making for the very first time, this is a fantastic opportunity to create your own beautiful Christmas wreath to take home and proudly display throughout the festive season.

✨ Mince pies and refreshments available

✨ Raffle on the night with great prizes

✨ A fun and friendly evening supporting Halwin School

Places are limited, so be sure to book early!

📧 To reserve your place, please contact: friendsofhalwin@gmail.com

We would love to see as many members of our school community as possible come along and support this wonderful event. Bring a friend, enjoy a festive evening, and help raise valuable funds for our children at Halwin School.

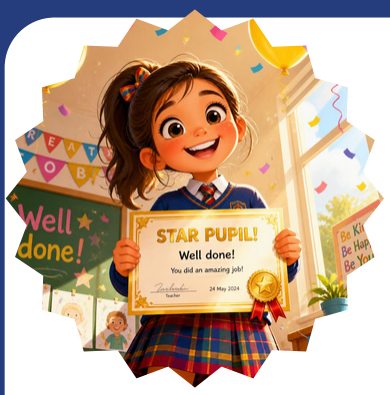


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STARS OF THE WEEK

 ROBINS	Valencia
 KINGFISHERS	Hugo





CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Poppy
Aspiration	**Amber**
Resilience	**Eleanor**
Enjoyment	**Skylar**









TEAM POINTS

B	R	G	Y
BLUE	RED	GREEN	YELLOW
744	685	788	625

HALL OF FAME



WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Ben & Amber

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KEY DATES

Monday 23rd November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 24th November	Parent Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 25th November	Christmas Wreath Making
Tueday 1st December	Open Afternoon - Reception 2027 Stay and Play
Tuesday 8th December	Carols by Candle light @ Halwin (Carol Concert)
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas visit to Trinity Church
Thursday 10th December	Pantomime at The Hall for Cornwall
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December	End of Autumn Term
Friday 18th December	Inset day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 4th January	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

ATTENDANCE

The updated attendance policy is available on the school website:
https://halwin.croftymat.org/

School doors open at 8.40am and registration is taken at 8.45am. Children who arrive after the registration period has closed (9.05am) may be recorded with an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session. The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a need/desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure/recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form. Letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the school office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered. Please note the legal information below:

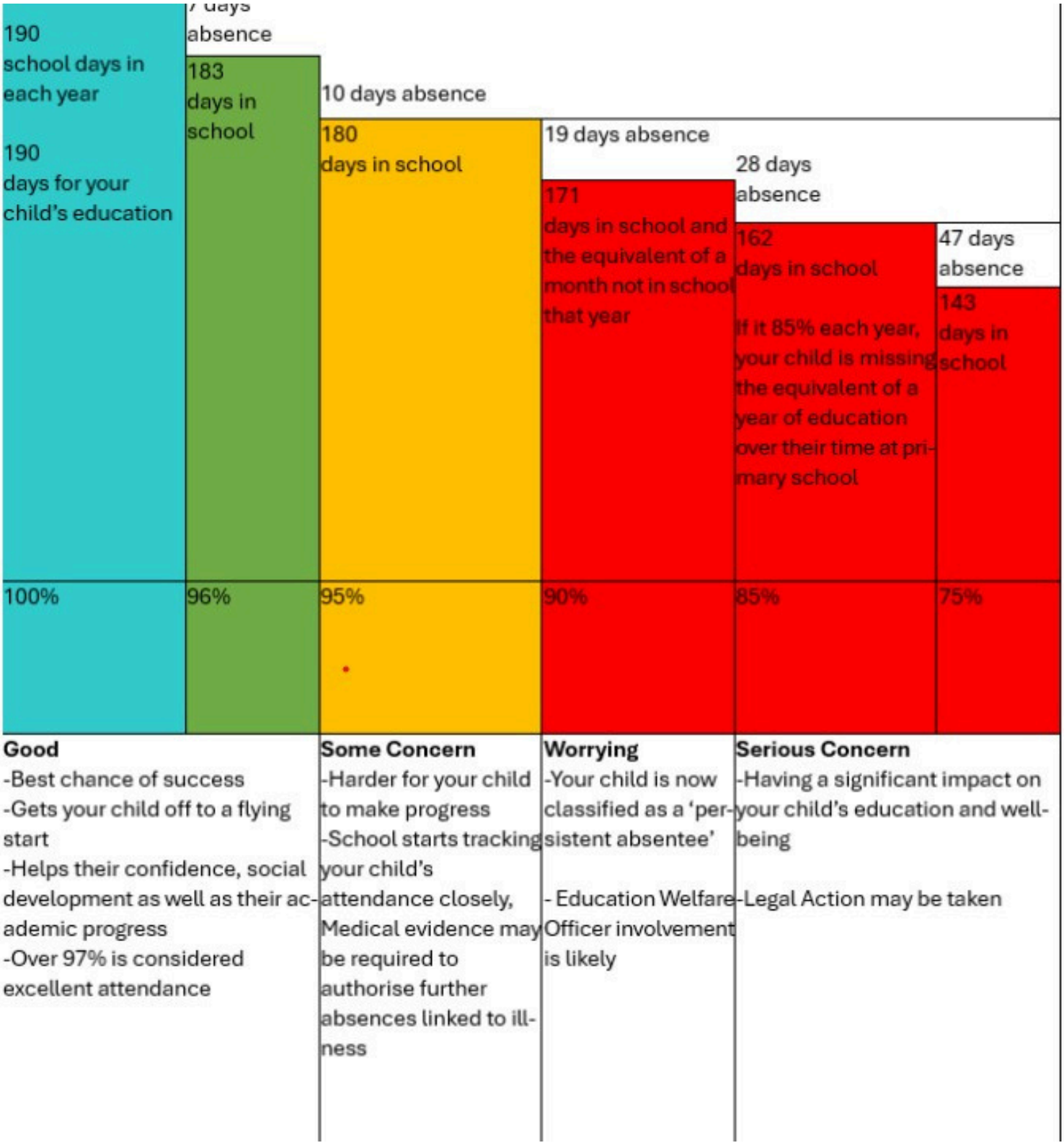
If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

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There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.



CHARTWELLS MENU



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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

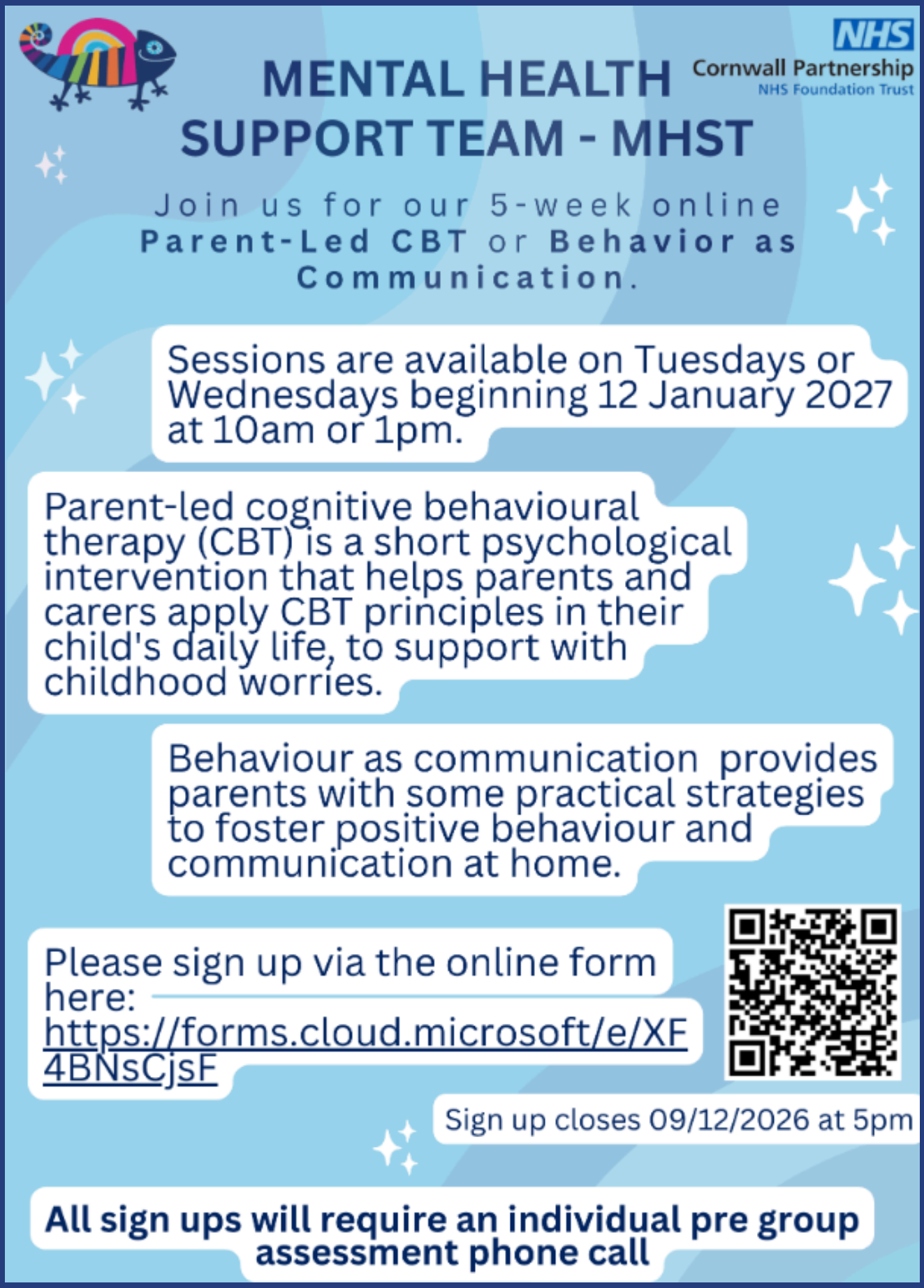






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ADDITIONAL NEWS



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